

IN THE CLAIMS:

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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

30. (Amended) Method according to claim 1 wherein said mould and said core are shaped and arranged in order to produce a connector element defining a bicycle bottom bracket with associated tubular extensions for connection to bicycle frame tubes converging towards the bottom bracket.

31. (Amended) Method according to claim 1, wherein mould and said core are shaped and arranged in order to produce a connector element for connection of bicycle frame tubes at any of the joint locations of a bicycle frame where the frame tubes converge towards each other.

32. (Amended) Connector element for connecting frame parts at a joint location in a bicycle framework, wherein it is obtained with a method according to claim 1.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please delete the improper second paragraph of the Abstract containing the parenthetical phrase "(Figure 3)".